

BROOKLINE MEETINGHOUSE COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: Thursday, February 3, 2022, 6:00 PM, Brookline Town Office

Members present: Lee Anne Parker, Dan Towler, Kerry Bourne, Dot Maggio

LAP brought the meeting to order at 6:15.

Minutes from the last meeting on Jan. 18, 2022 were reviewed. Dot moved to approve, LAP second, unanimous.

Dot announced that the RFP for the steeple repair was reviewed and approved by the Select Board and it will be published on the town's website and in the *Reformer* on Saturday, Feb. 5. Deadline for responses is Wednesday, Feb. 16. Select Board will open them at their meeting on that date and forward responses to the BMC. LAP and KB will contact anyone who has bid on this work in the past or may be interested in bidding on it this time.

Dot offered to post the RFP in Front Porch Forum also.

RFP for steeple painting – which BMC hopes can be completed this year – is ready to be put out for bid but will wait until bids come in for the repair work and we see how much that will cost, and we can reevaluate whether we can afford to complete the painting this year as well.

There was discussion of our account balance, which we only have as of October, 2021.

Dot will try to get an updated balance. As of October, we had a total of \$25,654, and adding \$3,405 in donations to date from our fund-raising appeal, \$10,000 pledged from Howard Cutler, \$3,000 from the Windham Foundation towards steeple work (not yet done), and \$3,000 from David Schupp towards storm windows, we have a total of approximately \$39,059.

We have committed to spending \$3,064 for storm windows, and if we order all remaining storm windows for the building from Continental Screen & Glass, we will be spending \$7,229, leaving us with \$31,830 for remaining projects and matching funds.

There was discussion of what grant(s) to apply for next and for which projects, with the foundation under the annex being the next priority once the steeple restoration is complete and any additional expense for bat remediation is factored in.

LAP mentioned the possibility of “legacy” or “planned” giving, encouraging people to remember the Meetinghouse in their will, as other non-profits do.

There was also discussion of a town party this summer at the BMH, possibly on or around the 4th of July, possibly in conjunction with outreach to descendants of founders or original members of the Baptist Church, and how to recruit people to help plan such an event.

Next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, 2/22/22, same time, same place.

Dot moved to adjourn, LAP second, all in favor; meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel Towler

